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what percent of Israel is Christian?

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As of 2026, Christians make up approximately **1.9% of Israel's population**[citation:2][citation:4][citation:8].

The Christian community in Israel is currently estimated at between **180,000 and 190,000 people**[citation:1][citation:3][citation:4][!citation:7]. This population has grown significantly from about 30,000 at the time of Israel's founding in 1948[citation:6].

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This community is diverse, representing numerous denominations including Catholic (Roman, Eastern, Melkite, Maronite), Orthodox (Greek, Syrian, Coptic, Ethiopian), and Protestant (Lutheran, Anglican, Evangelical) churches[citation:1].

Most Israeli Christians live in the northern regions, with significant populations in cities such as **Nazareth** and **Haifa**[citation:2][citation:4]. The majority are Arab Christians, but there is a growing movement among some to identify as "Israeli-Christians" rather than "Arab-Christians"[citation:10].

A notable trend in recent years has been an increase in Christians serving in the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), with numbers reportedly more than quadrupling since 2012[citation:10].